

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POWER GENERATION IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of power being generated in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh as on date;
- (b) the total demand of power by these States; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to meet power demand of both the States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : During the period April, 2002 – February, 2003, the electricity generation in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh was 5011 MU and 67585 MU respectively.

(b) : During the period April, 2002 – February, 2003, the peak demand in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh was 1389 MW and 6700 MW respectively.

(c) : Electricity is a concurrent subject. Supply and distribution of electricity in a State is the responsibility of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned. Government of India supplements the efforts of State Governments by setting up power projects through Central Public Sector Undertakings to augment power availability in the region.

However, in order to mitigate power shortage in the country including Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, the following steps are being taken :

(i) Besides capacity addition of 135 MW in State Sector in Bihar and 710 MW in State Sector in Uttar Pradesh, generation capacity of 7090 MW in Northern Region and 5650 MW in Eastern Region has been planned to be set up in Central Sector during 10th Plan Period in which the States will have entitlements.

(ii) Implementation of Renovation, Modernization and Life Extension (R&M &LE) Schemes for old and inefficient generating units for overall improvement in generation performance. PFC disburses loan with interest subsidy of 3% under Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme for this purpose.

(iii) Enhancement in evacuation of surplus power from Eastern Region to other regions including Northern Region of which Uttar Pradesh is a constituent by setting up of inter-regional links. Recently, Sasaram HVDC back-to-back station has been commissioned which has facilitated transfer of 500 MW from Eastern Region to Northern Region in asynchronous mode.

(iv) Promoting energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.

(v) Government of India is striving for achieving financial turn around of State Electricity Boards/Utilities so as to enable them to become commercially viable. To bring about reforms in distribution, Ministry of Power in Government of India has launched Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) as a major step towards reduction in aggregate transmission and commercial losses and attaining commercial viability of the power sector. The release of funds for Bihar and Uttar Pradesh under APDRP during 2000-01 and 2002-03 is as under :-

2000-01 (Rs. in Crores) 2002-03 (Rs. in Crores)

Bihar	21.25	16.11
Uttar Pradesh	101.46	30.12